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As an engineer who has watched with surprise the continuing business practices of Microsoft corporation, I am shocked to find that the proposed settlement between the United States and Microsoft lacks any remedy whatsoever. In fact, the settlement seems to condone Microsoft's behavior. The settlement legitimizes anti-competitive behavior that cripples the open source community -- widely regarded as the primary force capable of competing with Microsoft.

Also, I do not believe a board of 3 people will be capable of impartially overseeing the business practices of Microsoft. I believe another remedy, that is not subject to manipulation by Microsoft, should be found. The compromise of some of their intellectual property should be the price they pay for over a decade of anti-competitive behavior.

Sincerely,  
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